(c) what is Government's reaction to thses moves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In his remarks to the national Geographic Society in Washington on June 11, 1998, US President Bill Clinton, said inter alia "because of its history with both countries, Chine must be a part of any ultimate resolution of this matter". Subsequently on June 27, 1998, the US and Chine issued a Joint Statement on South Asia which inter alia stated that "we are committed to assist where possible India and Pakistan tor esolve peacefully the difficult and long-standing differences between them, including the issue of Kashmir .....we reafirm our hope that we can jointly and individually contribute to the achievement of a peaceful, prosperous and secure South Asia..... we will work to achieve a peaceful and mutually acceptable resolution of differences between Indian and Pakistan".

(c) Government have conveyed its reaction to the Joint State in the statement of official spokesman issued on 27.06.1998, which categorically rejects this approach as completely unacceptable.

Aid to Iraq on Humanitarian Grounds

3286. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended aid to Iraq on humanitarian grounds; if so, the nature of the aid;

(b) the details of aid given during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government would consider taking intiative at the international level for lifting sanction against Iraq by the Security Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): Government of India have extended humanitarian aid to Iraq. The details of such aid given to Iraq during the last three years is as follow :

Humanitarian aid to Iraq

Sl. No.	Year	Items supplied	Value(Rs.)
1.	1995-96	(i) 1,000 tonnes of wheat	65.74 lakh
		(ii) 58 tonnes of tea	50.00 Lakh
		(iii) Medicines and pharmaceuticals	2.85 lakhs
2.	1996-97	(i) Milk powder and baby food	50.00 lakhs
		(ii) Medical equipment and appliances	150.00 lakhs
3.	1997-98	Stationery items	50.00 lakhs

2. India would like to see the removal of sanctions in tandem with Iraq's compliance with the relevant resolution of the UN Security Council.

Air Journeys charged on Haj Committee Account

3287. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Air India has issued 25 free tickets to Haj Committee for making arrangements;

(b) the number of Air journeys charged on Haj Committee's account in addition to the tickets issued by Air India; and

(c) the names of Haj Committee members and officials, who have utilised or travelled on Air India and Haj

Committee's account and the number of visits of each of the persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): During Haj '95, Air India had provided 25 free tickets to the Haj Committee for the journey to Saudi Arabia of Haj Committee members and their staff. No free tickets have been provided by Air India to the Haj Committee since then.

2. In connection with Haj '98, following are the details of the journeys undertaken to Saudi Arrabia by Haj Committee members and Haj Committee staff.

Sl. No.	Names	Designation	No. of Jurneys
1.	Mr. Salamat Ullah	Chairman	6
2.	Mr. Ridwan Harris	Vice Chairman	2
3.	Mr. Obaidullah Khan Azmi, MP	Member	4
4.	Mr. P.M. Sayeed, MP	Member	2
5.	Mr. Hafiz Mohd. Siddique, MP	Member	1
6.	Mr. Anees Ahmad	Member	3
7.	Prof. Javed Khan	Member	3
8.	Mr. Bashir M. Patel	Member	3
9.	Mr. Qamrul Islam	Member	1
10.	Mr. Shabi Ahmad	Executive Office	4

3. Twelve staff members of the Haj Committee, whose names are given below, were also deputed for Haj duty by the Haj Committee:

1. Mr. Abdul Hamid Dhiyan
2. Mr. Mohd. Umar Furniturewala
3. Mr. Saeed Patel
4. Mr. Abdur Rehman Shaikh
5. Mr. Khalil A. Khan
6. Mr. Masood A. Khan
7. Mr. Anees Mujawar
8. Mr. Mohd. Ghouse
9. Mr. Ashique Ali Nakhwa
10. Mr. Altaf Ali M. Shaikh
11. Mr. Mohd. Aquil Kaunchale
12. Mr. Mohd. Yunus Shaikh

4. The expenditure on all the above jurneys war borne by the Haj Committee and no other agency, including Air India, provided any free tickets.

Visit of Indian Pilgrims to Mt. Kailash and Mansarovar Lake

3288. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese Government have expressed some difficulties in allowing the Indian pilgrims to visit Mt. Kailash and Mansarovar Lake; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard so as to enable the Indian pilgrims to visit these places without any hindrances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir, the Yatra to Kailash and Manasarovar commenced, as in past years, in June 1998 and is scheduled to end in October.

(b) Does Not arise.

India's Rule in solving ethnic problem in Sri Lanka

3289. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to play a bigger interventionist role in Sri Lanka to solve the ethnic tangle there; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. Government continues to support a peaceful and negotiated settlement of the ethnic problem in Sri